purchase the commodity at declared minimum support price. However, the farmers are free to sell at higher prices in the open market.

Maintenance of Government buildings

1086. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which is the nodal Ministry responsible for the maintenance and up keep of Government buildings in New Delhi;

(b) whether the maintenance of these buildings is upto the mark;

(c) whether it is a fact that all corridors and verandas are crowded with delapidated and dismantled furniture/ladders and such like things making movement cumbursome; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any immediate steps to keep the offices neat and tidy?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Ministry of Urban Development through the CPWD is responsible for the maintenance of Government buildings. The up keep, however, is with the concerned Ministry/department in occupation.

(b) Maintenance of the buildings is executed by the CPWD depending upon the needs and the budget provision.

(c) and (d) It is not a fact that all corriders in Government buildings are crowded with delapidated and dismantled furniture. However, in certain buildings due to shortage of space certain items are stored in corridors. Efforts are made by the concerned Ministries/Deptts. to keep their premises neat and tidy.

Conversion of Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj and Pahaleja-Pipradih M. G. into B. G.

1087. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to convert (i) Muzaffarpur-Narkatiaganj metre gauge railway line, and (ii) Pahaleja-Pipradih -Yadunathpur- Bhavnathpur metre gauge rail line into broad gauge;

(b) whether Government are aware that for development of industries and supply of coal etc., this conversion is essential;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such requirement for development of industries and movement of coal has come to notice.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Refusal to Dr. Arun Manilal Gandhi to travel by train

1088. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Dr. Arun Manilal Gandhi and his family were not allowed to travel by train from Akola to Bombay on the 14th June, 1990, in spite of their having confirmed seats as per the news-item published in the Indian Express of the 20th June, 1990;